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In re Application of:

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RELEASABLE SUBPAD SECURING  
ELEMENT AND POLISHING  
APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SUBPAD  
SUPPORT (Amended)

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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which starts at page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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